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Senator Tom Coburn
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Attn: Anna Shopen

Dear Senator Coburn,


Thank you for your letter dated July 27, and received by St. Petersburg College, requesting information relative to Congressional appropriations.

Your letter was received during the vacation season for college staff, and on the eve of preparations for and the opening of fall semester. Also, to provide information about all of our federally funded programs in the detail your letter outlines, would be quite time consuming, costly, and duplicative of reports routinely shared with our funding sources.

In the spirit of your request for information, a summary of a few program examples is included with this fax. We are proud of all of our programs and the benefits and opportunities they provide, for our local constituents and beyond.

Thank you for reviewing the summary document, so that you can share in the knowledge of St. Petersburg College's contributions to America through federally-funded programs.

Warm regards,



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National Terrorism Preparedness Institute**Federal Funding 2005 – 2 million Department of Justice + 2.7 million Department of Defense**

NTPI provides extensive support to our nation's war on terror. This support includes monthly nationwide, satellite television broadcasts on important training topics for emergency responders; traditional classroom instruction; training support packages that include student and instructor guides, video CD, DVD and VHS products; mobile training teams; and web- and computer-based training products. NTPI produces the monthly *ComNet* and *Live Response* satellite television broadcast dealing with Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) training and operation initiatives. *ComNet* is a magazine-style broadcast offering the most current WMD information to our nation's first responders and emergency planners. *Live Response* features a panel of experts discussing topics of major importance to the War on Terrorism and WMD. NTPI is currently developing the following Training Support Packages (TSP):

1. Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and Explosive for Military Base First Responders;
2. Improvised Explosive Device (IED) Awareness for the individual soldier;
3. Battle Staff Operational Readiness;
4. IED Subject Matter Expert
5. Explosive Breaching

In 2005 this is the number of first responders served: Traditional Classroom Training 2165; Registered Viewers 284,780; Estimated Public Access Audiences 2,089,542.

Project Eagle**Federal Funding 2003 – FIPSE - \$4,470,750**

The goal of Project Eagle II was to move our online distance education program, established under Project Eagle I, from an anytime anywhere learning environment to an everywhere, all-the-time learning environment. SPC is a model of excellence demonstrated by the numerous national awards received for the program including: ITC award for Outstanding Online Faculty (won this one twice in 3 years); American Association of Community Colleges First Place Award - Digital Community Colleges; ITC award for Outstanding Online Course; We have developed 180 online courses, created 13 signature courses which incorporate the best pedagogical practices and innovative technologies, created tutorials for faculty, conducted training and maintained a full service Instructional Technology website; purchased a next- generation online course management system, created and tested 7865 reusable learning objects (RLOs), created St. Petersburg Online Communicator (SPOC), a highly interactive suite of RLOs, allowing online students to see and hear each other simultaneously, upgraded the helpdesk function to support students, faculty and staff, added a cyber-advisor and a tool for one on one advising using SPOC, and published 17 Best Educational E- Practices (BEEP), our bi-monthly online newsletter that focuses on a subject related to e-learning and is accessed by people nationwide.

Multijurisdictional Counterdrug Task Force Training**Funding: Department of Defense and Florida National Guard - \$6,959,000 annually**

The Multijurisdictional Counterdrug Task Force Training (MCTFT) program provides unique, tuition-free courses covering all aspects of counterdrug law enforcement and training support for community anti-drug coalitions.

Since its inception in 1993, MCTFT has trained more than one million students nationally through instructor-led classes in all 50 states and four U.S. territories, satellite-based training programs, CD ROM independent study course, and online E-Drug training courses. Enrollment is as follows:

Conventional Enrollment	36,641
Distance Learning	456,449
Public Access Audiences	47,709,347

251 conventional courses were conducted in 44 states, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands, including conferences, seminars, and drug demand reduction and customized trainings this session. MCTFT produced three training telecasts that were distributed nationwide to thousands of downlink sites via satellite: "A Coalition's Role in Fighting Drug Victimization," produced in partnership with Community Anti Drug Coalitions of America (CADCA) aired on June 16, 2005. "America's Toughest Sheriff Joe Arpaio – Uncensored!," an MCTFT self-initiated program, aired on August 11, 2005 and "Building A Winning Drug Case," produced in partnership with the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC), aired August 25, 2005. Effective June 1, 2005, MCTFT initiated a new partnership with the National Clearinghouse For Alcohol and Drug Information (NCADI), a subsidiary of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMSHA), to web cast MCTFT training telecasts and to promote, dub and distribute them nationwide for a nominal cost-recovery fee to agencies requesting them.